Docket No.: 043920-0032 **PATENT**

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of : Customer Number: 20277

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Fernando L. ALVARADO, et al. : Confirmation Number: 5984

Application No.: 09/522,709 : Group Art Unit: 3693

Filed: March 10, 2000 : Examiner: CHANDLER, Sara M.

For: METHOD FOR MANAGING RISK IN MARKETS RELATED TO COMMODITIES

DELIVERED OVER A NETWORK

AMENDMENT

Mail Stop Amendment Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated July 14, 2008, having a three-month shortened statutory period for response set to expire October 14, 2008, a three-month extension of time up to and including January 14, 2009 being filed concurrently herewith, please amend the above-identified application as follows.